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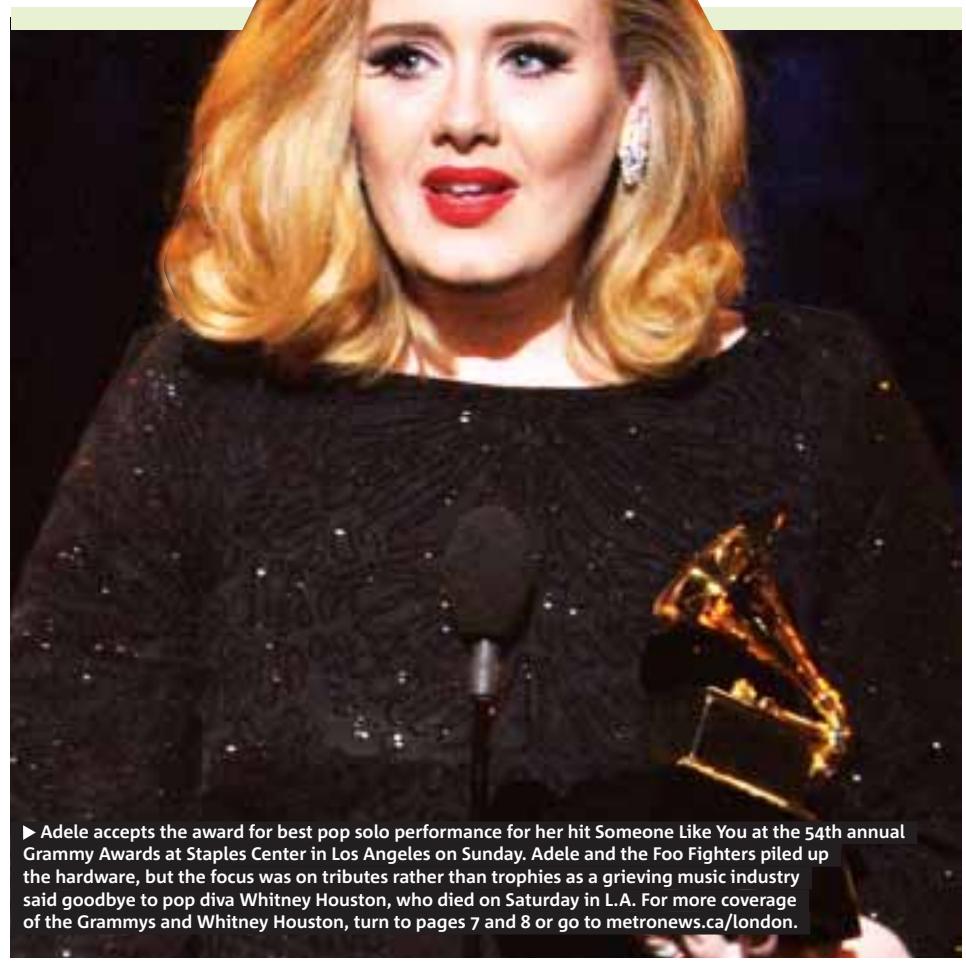


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News worth
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► Adele accepts the award for best pop solo performance for her hit *Someone Like You* at the 54th annual Grammy Awards at Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday. Adele and the Foo Fighters piled up the hardware, but the focus was on tributes rather than trophies as a grieving music industry said goodbye to pop diva Whitney Houston, who died on Saturday in L.A. For more coverage of the Grammys and Whitney Houston, turn to pages 7 and 8 or go to metronews.ca/london.

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Rolling in deep award haul at Grammys

Master of the Uniiverse

► Western grad hopes new 'collaborative living' website builds communities



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It's a mix between Kijiji and Craigslist, with a dash of eBay.

The 20-something leaders of Uniiverse.com have taken old social-media concepts and mashed them together to create a new platform they call "collaborative living."

"It's an online marketplace for activities and services that happen offline," said Ben Raffii, president and a Uniiverse chief executive officer.

In other words, the site — whose founders include Western grad Craig Follett — lets people connect via the Internet so they can meet face-to-face for everything from ultimate Frisbee showdowns to math tutoring.

One of the things that sets Uniiverse apart from other ad-listing sites is the "Trust Score" assigned to each user. Kind of like eBay's feedback function, the trust quotient lets "posters" build a repertoire and helps browsers decide who should be avoided.

Web spinners

► Craig Follett. Previously worked as a bank analyst and in management consulting. He holds degrees in business and software engineering from Western.

► Ben Raffii. Previously worked in management consulting and marketing. He has a degree in mechanical engineering from McGill.

► Adam Meghji. Previously developed smartphone apps. He has a degree in computer science from the University of Guelph.

With a team of Western students helping, Uniiverse — headquartered in Toronto — launched on Feb. 7. By Sunday, there were about 30 posts for services and events in the London area.

The site is building what Follett calls a "sharing economy."

"(One) ... where access and experiences are more important than ownership," he said in a statement. "This movement ... will build stronger communities."

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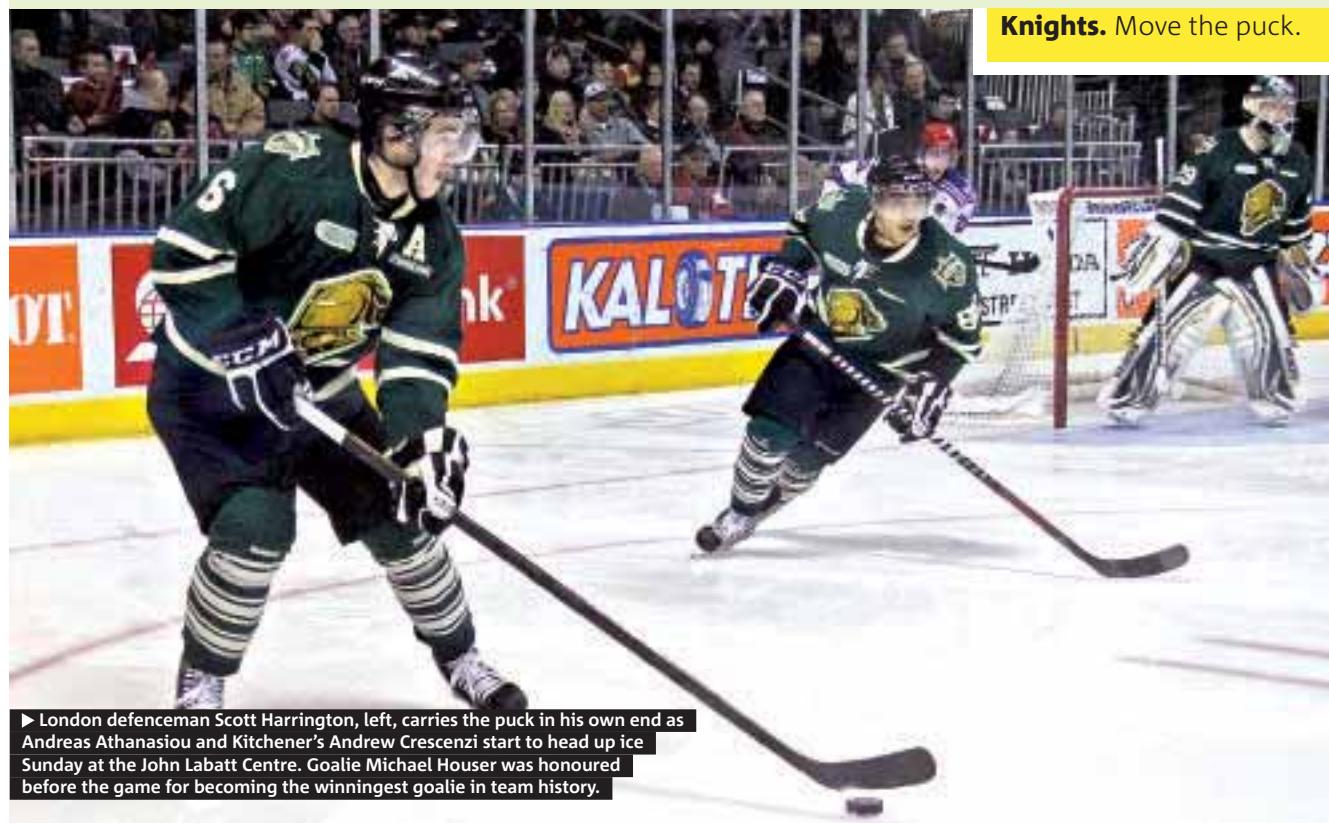
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A five-year-old Kosovar girl has been rescued after an avalanche destroyed her home, killing her parents and at least seven of her relatives. Watch at metronews.ca/video

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► London defenceman Scott Harrington, left, carries the puck in his own end as Andreas Athanasiou and Kitchener's Andrew Crescenzi start to head up ice Sunday at the John Labatt Centre. Goalie Michael Houser was honoured before the game for becoming the winningest goalie in team history.

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Goalie Michael Houser made 22 saves as the Knights beat the Rangers 4-3 in a shootout. Max Domi, Brett Welychka and Greg McKegg scored in regulation, while Jared Knight clinched it for London in the shootout. The Knights outshot the Rangers 53-25.

Knights outshoot Rangers, clinching 4-3 win

2 killed, 2 injured in crash

► Investigators trying to determine cause of Wellington Road accident, in which a toddler died ► Weather conditions among things being considered, police say



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Investigators are looking into a variety of contributing factors in a Saturday crash that left two people dead, including a toddler.

"As of right now, they're looking into all angles," London police Const. Frank Figliomeni said Sunday afternoon, noting snowy road conditions are among the things being considered.

A witness reported the accident at Wellington

Road and Glanworth Drive shortly before 1 p.m. Saturday. The vehicle left the road and hit a tree, police said.

The 15-month-old girl was pronounced dead at hospital shortly after her body was pulled from the wreckage. A 38-year-old

man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said the other occupants — a 20-year-old woman and a 28-year-old man — were treated and released from hospital.

Wellington was closed until about 9 p.m. Saturday while first responders

and an accident-reconstruction unit worked at the scene.

Few details about the victims, including their relationship to one another, have been released because of the ongoing investigation, Figliomeni said.

Job seekers invited to Western fair

The London Economic Development Corp. and London's Employment Ontario-funded agencies invite all job seekers to attend the 2012 Employment Ontario Job Fair.

The job fair will be held Wednesday at the Western

Fair in the Carousel Room from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Job seekers will have the opportunity to meet with more than 50 employers. Last year, close to 3,000 Londoners attended the event.

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Timeraiser calling local artists

The call to artists for the third London Timeraiser is open. Local emerging artists can sell their work to help inspire Londoners to donate their time in support of great causes.

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Woman charged in store robbery

A London woman has been charged after an armed robbery of a convenience store early Saturday.

At about 12:20 a.m., a lone female suspect entered the Sak's Variety store at 109 Rectory St.

At 12:16 Saturday after-

noon, London police executed a search warrant at a London address and found two replica handguns, along with the jacket worn by the suspect at the time of the robbery.

Summur George, 24, has been charged. ► METRO

Best. New artist



► Juno Award-winning musician Meaghan Smith and her husband Jason Mingo perform a tune on Sunday at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn.

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Juno winner serenades London for Valentine's

Meaghan Smith is a London native who now lives in Halifax. Her first album, *The Cricket's Orchestra*, was named pop recording of the year at the 2011 East Coast Music Awards and earned her the 2011 Juno Award for best new artist. Sunday's performance was part of Orchestra London's Serenade Brunch series. The events typically feature musicians from the Orchestra's ranks, with Smith brought in as a special guest.

Ontario PCs elect Richard Ciano as party president

Ontario's Progressive Conservatives are choosing to stick with their leader Tim Hudak, but injected fresh new blood in the party machinery following a humbling election defeat last fall.

Conservative strategist Richard Ciano, 38, was elected party president Sunday, beating out former provincial cabinet minister turned columnist John Snobelen and Kevin Gaudet, a former taxpayers' advocate and party candidate.

It was a hotly contested race, with Ciano — who helped propel Toronto Mayor Rob Ford to power — pulling out all the stops in a relentless effort to obtain what is essentially an unpaid and often thankless full-time job.

Ciano is a guy who "knows how to win elections, and a guy who knows how to win elections in the city of Toronto by helping run Mayor Ford's successful campaign," Hudak said.

The Tories failed to make inroads in the voter-rich city in the last election

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"The fact of the matter is that I, as your leader, did not give sufficient voice to a bold, conservative alternative."

TIM HUDAK

— something Hudak has vowed to change next time around.

He praised Ciano's "outstanding" organizational skills, noting that no matter where he travelled in the province, Ciano was either there at the same time, or had arrived right before him or immediately after him.

"That's what we need to see in the time ahead," Hudak said.

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Winter makes a return

- Lake-effect system dumps on southwest Ontario
- Drivers perform well as snow bears down on city streets, police say



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Put your shorts away.

Winter has made a return to the Forest City — albeit brief.

A band of lake-effect snow blew through the London area over the weekend, tallying up nine centimetres of accumulation between Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The worst of the storm came in the morning hours, with Environment Canada issuing snow-squall warnings and leaving drivers grappling with near whiteout conditions in some spots.

Things were at their worst about 9 a.m., with monitors at the London airport recording visibility of less than one kilometre.

The storm began blowing out of the area about

Forecast

► 1 C: Today's forecasted high from Environment Canada.

noon Sunday when winds shifted west. Lake-effect snow is fairly common this time of year, Environment Canada Meteorologist Karine Dumas said.

"Last year, you got 100 centimetres in a couple of

snow storms mixed with those lake-effect streamers," Dumas said.

While city streets were slushy and snow-covered for most of the weekend, drivers were on good behaviour, Const. Frank Figliomeni said.

"Uneventful I guess is the right word to use," Figliomeni said in describing the storm's impact. "I've noticed (drivers) were taking it a little extra slow."

Fatal. Crash



► Two mourners embrace after the funeral of truck driver Christopher Fulton in London on Saturday.

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One of London's most wanted arrested

London police say they arrested a man considered one of the city's most wanted and high-risk individuals. William Bullet was arrested around 9 p.m. Sat-

urday without incident. Bullet was wanted for two counts of breaching his probation, but has also been charged with an additional count of breach of

probation and one count of mischief.

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Fund for victim's family

Christopher Fulton and 10 poultry-farm workers were killed in a motor-vehicle accident near Hampstead last Monday. Fulton's employer, Speedy Transport, has set up a trust fund to help the Fulton family. Donations can be made through CIBC.



► William Bullet

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An area built from pirates' treasure

► Eastleigh neighbourhood of Nairobi, once a ramshackle settlement, now has shiny new buildings

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON, U.K.

Envy the residents of Eastleigh, Nairobi: despite the global recession, the investments keep flowing in.

They have new shopping malls, and more are under construction. The neighbourhood in Kenya's capital city is nicknamed Little Mogadishu, and many of the investors are pirates.

"Somali pirates are doing huge business hijacking ships, and most of their money is being laundered in Nairobi," explains Ernesto Savona, professor of criminology at Catholic University in Milan. "Little Mogadishu is beautiful, with new cars and buildings. With a \$9-million ransom, you could buy a whole modern building in Nairobi."

Only a few years ago, Eastleigh was a poor settlement.

Piracy is booming off the Horn of Africa. In 2010 alone, more than 1,000 seamen were taken hostage. According to the UN, the pirates were paid an average ransom of \$4.85 million, and a new study reports that Somali piracy now costs the world \$7 billion per year.

"I want to take all my family out of Somalia because there is no hope for peace here," Hassan Farah, a pirate, told a local newspaper. "I am trying to get

enough money from the illegal fishing ships that we hijack to go to Europe."

But, just like the Mafia, Somali pirates need to park their fortunes somewhere.

"The most common methods are basic forms of money laundering, such as investing in real estate or front-businesses, sending money to relatives or buying expensive goods in cash," explains a spokesman for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

Notes Mark Schroeder, Africa director at intelligence firm Stratfor: "They're not as sophisticated as the Mafia."

But they're entrepreneurial. They know where to put their money. And by Somali standards, this is the most money you could ever hope to make." Somalia's GDP per capita is \$600.

Nairobi is a logical place to invest. Kenya neighbours Somalia and has a stable government, as well as a large number of Somalis, most of whom reside in Eastleigh. Though the majority of these Somalis are law-abiding residents, many — knowingly or not — build businesses with pirate money.

"Somalia couldn't absorb this kind of cash," notes Schroeder. "Nairobi can. Besides, it's a stable and comfortable place to live."

It's also a hub for Al Shabab, the al-Qaida-affiliated terrorist group that controls Somalia.



► Nairobi's Little Mogadishu is a slum no more. Check out the new cars and the shiny new building in the background.



Pirates boost economy: UN

The young pirates support the entire Somali economy. According to the UN, 40 per cent of the ransom goes directly to the Somali economy: bribes and creating jobs. The pirates even invest in

cattle.

According to a recent report by Chatham House, a think tank, pirates' ransoms have even led to wage increases in Somalia. But locals aren't happy. Too much of the pirates' money is invested abroad, they say.

Most likely, the pirates channel their money as

far as Europe and North America.

"The ransoms are a large amount of money," notes Savona. "This amount goes only partially to bordering countries like Kenya. One can only assume that the rest is laundered and invested internationally."

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Piracy origins

► Until the 1990s, the waters off the Horn of Africa were relatively peaceful. Then Somalis, angered over fishing by foreign vessels, started attacking them. That's when they realized there were fortunes to be made. Since then, piracy has exploded.

► In 2007, 26 ships were hijacked; in 2010 the figure was 400, and the problem remains, even though 30 countries now have navy commandos in the area.

► "The Somali pirates are very young," notes criminology professor Ernesto Savona. "If they go to prison, they're quickly replaced by other young pirates. And when they get out of prison, they go back to hijacking ships. But most ... won't be caught."

Greece approves austerity cuts

Greek lawmakers have approved harsh new austerity measures demanded by bailout creditors to save the debt-crippled nation from bankruptcy, after rioters in central Athens torched buildings, looted shops and clashed with riot police.

The historic vote paves the way for Greece's European partners and the International Monetary Fund to

release \$170 billion US in new rescue loans, without which Greece would default on its mountain of debt next month and likely leave the eurozone — a scenario that would further roil global markets.

Lawmakers voted 199-74 in favour of the cutbacks, despite strong dissent among coalition members.

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► A fireman tries to extinguish a burning cinema in Athens on Sunday.

PM's bureaucrats took pricey flights

Stephen Harper's senior bureaucrats have been racking up some hefty airfares at a time of government restraint and controversy over travel.

Travel expenses posted for the final quarter of 2011 show executives at the Privy Council Office paid costly fares last year on competitive routes to Europe and elsewhere.

For example, return airfare to London cost taxpayers \$6,855 for Rennie Marcoux, assistant secretary to cabinet, to attend a week-long "cyber" conference there last October.

The travellers were public servants flying commercial, rather than the political staff who work inside the Prime Minister's Office. THE CANADIAN PRESS



► Thu Trinh, left, and Huyen Vu, sales executives with TOSY Robotics, show off the AFO lighted and spinning toy at the American International Toy Fair on Sunday in New York. The show is attended by hundreds of vendors and thousands of buyers who can view the latest trends in the toy industry.

Hand. Spin

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A toy story with the latest in robotic trends

U.K. press needs tougher penalty system: Minister

► Britain's The Sun tabloid has seen 5 employees arrested Saturday and 4 arrested last month for alleged connection to phone-hacking scandal

Britain's government minister responsible for the media said Sunday the country's press must face tougher penalties for breaches of standards in the wake of the tabloid phone-hacking scandal.

Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt also said newspapers must change their system of self-regulation, but insisted the government should not have any role in enforcing standards. The current watchdog, the Press Complaints Commission, is funded by the industry and can demand a

newspaper publish an apology, but has no power to issue fines.

Some lawmakers have previously suggested journalists who breach ethics rules should be prevented from working.

Britain's media ethics inquiry, which has heard evidence from celebrities including J.K. Rowling and Hugh Grant, crime victims, newspaper executives and reporters, is expected to recommend major changes to press regulation when it issues findings this year.

"I think everyone recog-



► Culture Secretary
Jeremy Hunt.

nizes we don't want the state regulating content," Hunt told BBC television.

Hunt said Britain needed "a tougher system and I would like it to be an industry-led system," but added that "if a newspaper is going to be punished for stepping out of line then it needs to be a credible punishment."

The country's broadcasters are regulated by a separate communications industry watchdog.

Hunt's comments follow new developments in the police investigations into alleged wrongdoing by Britain's tabloids.

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Air Canada reaches another deal

Air Canada has reached a tentative collective agreement with the Canadian Airline Dispatchers Association, representing the airline's 74 flight dispatchers.

They are based at the airline's central operations control centre near Toronto

On Friday, the airline announced a tentative deal with its 8,600 mechanics, baggage handlers, and cargo agents.

Another deal was announced Saturday with the airline's 75 crew schedulers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Air Canada's tentative collective agreement with its dispatchers is the third such agreement reached by Air Canada and unions since Friday.

Iraq opens new oil tap in Persian Gulf

Iraq inaugurated a new offshore oil-export terminal in the Persian Gulf on Sunday in a vital step to ease infrastructure constraints and to bring sorely needed cash for reconstruction after decades of war and international sanctions.

Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki opened the tap to start experimental pumping for the floating terminal located about 60 kilometres off Iraq's coast.

Iraq plans to start the actual loading of crude in a week to 10 days, initially boosting oil exports through the country's



► Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki at a new oil-export terminal.

south — currently at about 1.7 million barrels a day — by 200,000 to 300,000 barrels per day, said Dhaia Jaafer, the director-general of the state-run South Oil Co. The terminal's full capacity will be 900,000 barrels a day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORTHERN GATEWAY PIPELINE

Not a done deal with Enbridge

A second B.C. First Nation says it has signed an agreement with Enbridge Inc., for its support of the

Northern Gateway pipeline, but as the first deal was nullified, the second may be at risk. Yekooche First Nation Chief Henry Joseph said lawyers are reviewing the agreement his predecessor chief and council signed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market moment

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Imrana Ahmad was busy looking for a job when a volunteer opportunity piqued her interest. It was at ClothingWorks, a not-for-profit organization that provides interview clothing free for people with a referral from a London employment agency.

It seemed like a perfect fit. A recent immigrant, Ahmad had lots of experience working in clothing stores as a seamstress in Pakistan. She visited ClothingWorks downtown, liked what she saw, and ended up spending four months there as a volunteer.

"I had a really wonderful experience," said Ahmad, adding that the opportunity helped in her transition to life in Canada. "Some of the volunteers there are very experienced, and I learned a lot from them. It was an enormous help for me to fit into Canada's work atmosphere."

"I think we all have a role to create the best community that we can, and I think giving back is an important aspect."

**MICHELLE BALDWIN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT
PILLAR NONPROFIT NETWORK**

Ahmad's story is one of success, says Michelle Baldwin, the executive director at Pillar Nonprofit Network, which supports the non-profit sector and promotes volunteerism in London.

"We have these amazing individuals in our community from all diverse backgrounds with skills and enthusiasm to give back," she said, "and I think one of the ways we can create a sense of belonging is by engaging them as volunteers."

Baldwin says the research shows non-profits and charities could be doing a better job of embracing not only immigrants and new Canadians as volunteers, but also other underrepresented groups such as persons with disabilities. She's hopeful that will change.

"I think it's really important for an organization to be reflective of the community," she said.

In other words, volunteering should be for all. And the reasons for volunteering, and its benefits, Baldwin says, are numerous.

In Ahmad's case, her volunteer work led to a job at The Grand Theatre and then to another seamstress position elsewhere in the city. But despite landing employment, she intends to continue volunteering, and that is something Pillar promotes.

"We try to teach lifelong volunteerism," said Baldwin, who regularly gives presentations at schools and in the community and encourages people to visit Pillar's website to see a long list of volunteer opportunities. "I think we all have a role to create the best community that we can, and I think giving back is an important aspect."

Ahmad says one of the reasons she enjoys giving back is simple.

"It feels really good to help other people."

To learn more about volunteering in London, visit: pillarnonprofit.ca.

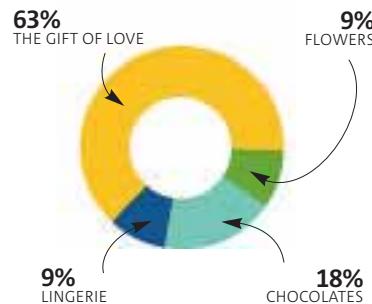


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Playing plow-boys and Indians

A villager balances a plow in his mouth during a rural sports festival, also known as Indian Rural Olympics, in Kila Raipur, near Ludhiana, India, on Saturday.

The festival featured major Punjabi rural sports including bullock cart race, tug-of-war and tractor races. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Local tweets



- **@bjenkin27:** #Ceeps right now for the throwback evening. So insane here right now! Haven't been in ages. #LdnOnt #UWO
- **@FCRR_RD:** Have u signed up for the Really Chilly races in #LdnOnt on Feb 26? #fcrr google it!
- **@LindzMull:** Guy in a cow costume throws a couch down the stairs... Is this for real? #uwo
- **@AndrewScarffe:** Congratulations to mustang swimming for a great weekend at OUA's!! Girls champions 4 years in a row!! #uwo #mustangs #winning

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Sports crazy

- Sikh warriors demonstrated ancient skills, like the man shown at left riding two horses at once.
- Villagers displayed their strength by allowing a tractor carrying three adults to drive over them or by pulling a car with their teeth.
- There were animal events, too, with bulls jumping upended carts and horses dancing to drum beats.

Grammy Awards strike a sombre note

► Whitney Houston's death overshadows big wins by Adele, Kanye West and the Foo Fighters

Adele made her return to the stage and the Foo Fighters piled up the hardware at the 54th Grammy Awards, but the focus was on tributes rather than trophies as a grieving music industry said goodbye to the late Whitney Houston.

Off the top of the show, host L.L. Cool J led the first of many tributes to Houston by announcing that the industry had endured a "death in the family," before leading a prayer for the singer — who died suddenly Saturday night.

"Whitney, we will always love you," he said.

That was followed by a retrospective video devoted to the singer. L.L. Cool J finished his monologue on a high-energy note before multiple nominee Bruno Mars led a frenetic performance of his single Runaway Baby.

The Foo Fighters had five trophies by the midpoint of the show while Adele and Kanye West had won four apiece.

"Long live rock 'n' roll!" shouted Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl while producers tried to play him off the stage.



► Dave Grohl, centre, and fellow Foo Fighters Nate Mendel, left and Taylor Hawkins, right, accept their award for best rock performance.

It was a humorous moment in an otherwise muted show.

The focus on Houston understandably drew attention away from what was supposed to be Adele's night.

Still, the 23-year-old Brit eventually swept the night, winning six awards, and sang for the first time since undergoing vocal microsurgery in November.

delivering a stirring take on Rolling in the Deep.

Toronto native Melanie Fiona was a double winner before dedicating the two trophies she won for her Cee Lo Green collaboration Fool For You to Houston with an impassioned speech.

Montreal's Caroline Robert was also a winner, taking best recording package for designing the

deluxe re-release of Arcade Fire's The Suburbs.

The rest of the Canadian contingent didn't fare so well.

Toronto rapper Drake and DJ Deadmau5 — from Niagara Falls, Ont. — were each shut out despite three nominations apiece, while Sum 41 and Toronto composer Ryan Shore also missed out on awards.

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Winners

- **Album of the year:** 21, Adele
- **Record of the year:** Rolling in the Deep, Adele
- **Song of the year:** Rolling in the Deep, Adele Adkins & Paul Epworth
- **Best alternative album:** Bon Iver, Bon Iver
- **Best rock Album:** Wasting Light, Foo Fighters
- **Best rock song:** Walk, Foo Fighters
- **Best R&B song:** Fool For You, Cee Lo Green, Melanie Fiona & Jack Splash
- **Best rap album:** My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy, Kanye West
- **Best rap song:** All of the Lights, Kanye West
- **Best country song:** Mean, Taylor Swift
- **Best traditional R&B performance:** Fool For You, Cee Lo Green & Melanie Fiona

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Box office

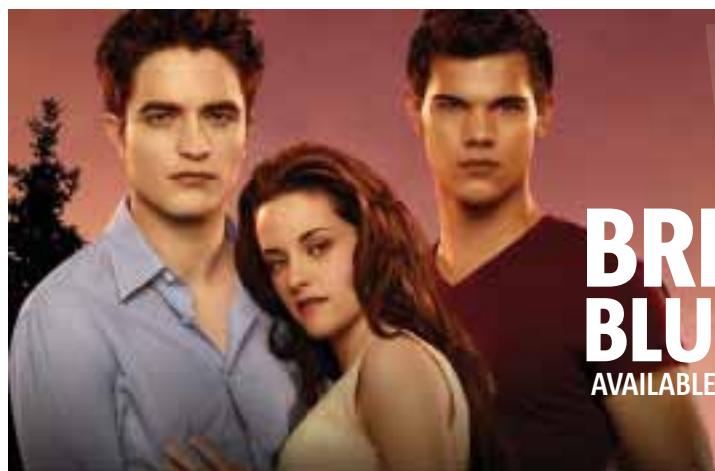


Love has triumphed over action at the weekend box office, with a No. 1 debut for the romantic drama The Vow. The love story starring Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum took in \$41.7 million. Landing a close second with \$39.3 million was Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds' thriller Safe House. Coming in solidly at No. 3 was Dwayne Johnson's Journey 2: The Mysterious Island with \$27.6 million.

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A look at the ups and downs of Whitney Houston's life.

Highs

The charts

► Houston ruled them in the 1980s and early '90s. She was the first artist ever to score seven consecutive No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hits, which included Saving All My Love for You, How Will I Know, Greatest Love of All, I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me) and more.

The movies

► Although not critically acclaimed, her film work was respected and popular with fans, with The Bodyguard earning \$410 million worldwide.

Lows



The marriage

► The pairing raised eyebrows: the church-going Houston and the hard-edged R&B singer Bobby Brown. He was repeatedly arrested. She lost her good-girl image.

The drugs

► Houston was open about her addictions. And the toll they took on her voice was evident in her final albums.

The end

► After appearing on a reality show about her husband, Houston is now remembered as a "former" icon-turned-mess. But her legacy remains. Her fans will always love her.

A life of highs and lows



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METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK

Whitney Houston — music icon, best-selling artist, winner of six Grammy awards, movie star and admitted drug addict — died Feb. 11 at age 48, a spokesman said.

She was found unresponsive at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, hours before she was to attend a Grammy party hosted by music producer Clive Davis.

Born in Newark, N.J., into a musical family, Houston was the daughter of Cissy Houston, a gospel singer, and cousin of Dionne Warwick (with Aretha Franklin as her godmother).

In the 1980s, she started performing with her mom in New York City nightclubs, where she was spotted by Davis, who produced her debut, Whitney Houston, in 1985. How Will I Know, Saving All My Love, The Greatest Love of All: The songs became the soundtrack to the 1980s, selling millions.

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► Whitney Houston was 48 years old at the time of her death. She is pictured here taking a bow after a performance.

of Nelson Mandela and a world tour.

But she married Bobby Brown, a guy who came with a lot of very heavy baggage. Together, they became tabloid gold.

By 2000, her erratic behaviour, increasingly embarrassing live performances and a shocking deterioration in her physical appearance turned her into a punchline for morbid jokes.

There were stories alleging cocaine and crack

abuse. There were no-shows at important events. Word spread that working with her was impossible.

Even non-insiders saw that she was messed up and getting more messed up by the month. As early as 2001, MTV began assembling video for an obit for when the inevitable happened.

Lately, though, things seemed to be getting much, much better with even a possible shot at being a judge on X Factor.

Her follow-ups also went No. 1, with the 1992 soundtrack to her film The Bodyguard topping the U.S. charts for months.

Its single, I Will Always Love You, was the best-selling single by a female artist ever.

Over her lifetime, Houston sold some 55 million records.

But in the 1990s, her career, and life, went downhill.

In 1992, she married Bobby Brown, an R&B singer.

They divorced in 1997, but not before years of domestic abuse calls and doing drugs together.

Houston began admitting her problems with marijuana and cocaine (not crack; "Crack is whack," she said memorably) in television interviews.

"The biggest devil is me," she told TV interviewer Diane Sawyer in 2002, with Brown next to her.

"I'm either my best friend or worst enemy."

She is survived by their daughter, 18-year-old Bobbi Kristina Houston Brown.

It's too early to call this a junkie's death, although that might turn out to be the case. Perhaps it was death by misadventure. Or it could be some kind of cardiac failure resulting from years of drug abuse.

After all, isn't this the woman that was once quoted as saying, "Crack is whack"?

But whatever the story, it's a sad, sad way to go for a woman with one of the greatest voices of the last couple of generations.

Celebrity Twitter reaction



She will never be forgotten as one of the greatest voices to ever grace the earth.



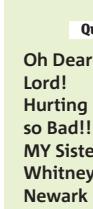
I am so sad to hear about Whitney. We have lost one of the greatest singers of all time.



We have lost another legend.



Wyclef Jean
This is the saddest thing I've ever had to write in my life, R I P to one of the greatest humans that I have ever known Whitney Houston



Oh Dear Lord!
Hurting so Bad!!!
MY Sister
Whitney!!!!!!
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World Please Pray!



RIP Whitney Houston.
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Fly Whitney Fly



Visit metronews.ca/whitney for more coverage and to see videos of her top five performances.

Quiz: Why am I single?

► Why are you alone? ► Take this little test to find out the real answer



1. An attractive lady or fellow smiles at you on the subway. You:

- A Look away
- B Sorry, what did you say? My head's buried in a book on ancient bee-keeping.
- C Deepen your scowl
- D Are too busy eyeballing someone else

2. When you go to a party, you:

- A Spend the whole time sneaking away to play Words with Friends
- B Spend the whole time thinking about the reality TV marathon you'd rather be watching
- C Tell everyone who will listen the awful story about the time your ex slept with your friend
- D I don't really go to parties. Too busy "makin' it rain" at the strip club

3. It's summertime. You're in the park and a cutie's frisbee is tossed your way. You:

- A Quickly throw it back without a smile
- B Don't notice because it didn't hit the bee hotel you're building
- C Take out your laptop
- D Compliment him/her on his/her slammin' bod



ALL PHOTOS: THINKSTOCK



much time online
C A few. And boy, was that last one a doozy
D Relationships are for suckers

8. How do you feel about attending weddings?

- A I go only when forced to — if it's that of a close family member or friend
- B Love 'em! A new audience I can impress with my killer humpback whale calls
- C They're a great chance to place bets on when the couple will divorce
- D Um, have you seen Wedding Crashers?

9. What's your fave way to unwind after a day at work?

- A Drinks with a few friends at our usual haunt
- B Re-organizing my antique Judaica collection
- C On the couch, downing

You're single because...

► **Mostly A's:** You don't put yourself out there enough. We know you're a catch but you don't give anyone else the chance to get to know you. Perhaps you're shy, sticking to your comfort zone, a loner or all three. Diversify your social activities, take more risks and put yourself in situations where you can meet new people.

► **Mostly B's:** Your interests are too narrow. It's time for a reality check: Those fascinating things are only fascinating to you. Try developing new skills and hobbies that will allow you to connect with a wider group of people, and don't let your all-consuming love of miniature accordions alienate others.

► **Mostly C's:** You're bitter. Whoa. Putting aside the fact that you may need therapy, it's clear that you've given up on love. Tone it down. Fake a smile. Take an inspirational seminar. And yeah, definitely start therapy.

► **Mostly D's:** You're not looking for a relationship. We're pretty sure you didn't even need to take this quiz — you know why you're single and we're jealous. Good for you! (Use protection.)

half-a-bottle of red wine and listening to Adele
D Hitting up a couples' cooking class by myself

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life

Stats for singles

2012 It's the Year of the Dragon, traditionally a very auspicious time to get hitched.



28.7 The average age people marry — it's later every year.
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Unexpected way to jazz up comfort food

- Miso is more than just a soup we slurp with sushi
- Fermented bean paste, popular in Japanese cooking, is a creative addition to a twist on macaroni & cheese

Miso Mac and Cheese



► This recipe makes six servings.

Though miso is from China, it is best known for its role in Japanese cooking, where it is used in soups, sauces, marinades, glazes and dressings.

Miso can vary widely in colour and flavour intensity based on how long it is aged and what ingredients are added with it.

Your best bet is to stick with sweet white miso. Its mellow savoury-sweet flavour is versatile and pleasant.

Preparation:

1 In pot of boiling, salted water, cook pasta for about 8 mins. or until tender but firm. Reserve 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the cooking water, then drain and set aside.

2 Meanwhile, in a large, deep skillet over medium, heat oil. Cook mushrooms for about 6 minutes or until well

Ingredients:

- 500 g (1 lb) elbow pasta
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 ml (2 cups) thinly sliced shiitake mushrooms
- 250 g (8 oz) creme fraiche
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) sweet white miso paste
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) shredded cheddar cheese
- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) hot sauce
- Salt and ground black pepper

browned.

3 Move skillet off heat. In a small bowl, mix together creme fraiche and miso. Stir in creme fraiche mixture, Parmesan, cheddar, garlic powder and hot sauce into mushrooms.

4 Once cheese has melted, add drained pasta. Stir in

enough of the reserved pasta cooking water to moisten, until pasta is coated. Season with salt and pepper if desired.

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► Window blinds can help save you money on energy costs.

Shading your energy costs

- There is a simple solution to cutting your energy
- Natural window blinds can save you up 50 per cent

 **BEN KNIGHT**
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Boosting your home's insulation can be a daunting, expensive task: sealing cracks, replacing doors and windows, ripping walls apart to add more fibreglass. If that's making you cringe, there are simpler solutions. It turns out you can cut expenditures like air conditioning by as much as 50 per cent with a simple, humble, old-school product — the window blind.

"Glass lets heat or cold penetrate from the outside to the inside, and vice versa, very easily," says Steve Kleihege, a product management specialist at Blinds.com. "You need something — another barrier — to stop that from happening."

We're not talking about a simple roll-up piece of vinyl or plastic here. Sophisticated design and natural ingredients make a huge difference in how

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Windows account for 20 per cent of the exterior wall space in many homes — and 20 times more heat flows through them when they are uncovered. This unnecessarily eats up energy, in the form of extra heating or air conditioning.

much money and energy you can save.

"When I think of eco-friendly window products, I like ones that are manufactured out of products naturally grown from the earth, that don't contaminate anything in the air, and can be recycled," Kleihege explains.

Bamboo blinds put an attractive, natural barrier between your home and the sun's heat. But if you really want to cut your electricity bill, cellular shades are the way to go.

These products are manufactured out of fabric. They have pockets formed in the blind that help trap air, which stops the heat or the cold coming from the outside into your room. For best savings, your shade would need to be lowered on every window, especially during the day. And in the evening time when the heat isn't so bad, you can always raise them up."

Window glass is a spectacularly efficient transmitter of heat. The biggest window-blind savings come from exterior products, which block the sunlight before it even reaches your glass.

"You have roller shades, which are like screens, and you can also have permanent stationary screens on the outside," says Kleihege. "That is probably the most energy-efficient shade out there. If the heat never touches the glass, it will never get to your room."

For more information, check out blinds.com.



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Turning the dial to determination

► He pursued his dream relentlessly for more than a decade ► Finally Fitzroy Gordon's hard work is paying off

TURNING POINT

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He listened for hours and soon the budding DJ had his own radio station set up in the backyard. He spent all day spinning records and interviewing imaginary guests.

After his family moved to Canada, Gordon got into broadcasting and he realized that the black and Caribbean communities



► Fitzroy Gordon in the control room on the morning of his radio station launch.

were not being served on the radio in Toronto.

I thought, "I'm going to

step up and make it happen."

In 1998, Gordon assembled a team and began a

13-year odyssey to secure a spot on the dial for his radio station.

He had no idea the

emotional toll it would take on his life as he lost everything, including relationships, his house and car.

Gordon battled on and finally after a trip to Parliament Hill and an intervention from the Prime Minister, Fitzroy put G98.7 FM on the air in Toronto in November of 2011.

Now he plans to build a radio network across Canada.

"I hope my story will give people strength, re-

“I hope my story will give people strength, resolve and inspiration to fight on because without a fight you can never have victory.”

FITZROY GORDON

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So close, and yet so far

► **Raptors nearly upset Lakers before Bryant sinks jumper with four seconds left to seal win**



Kobe Bryant didn't need a huge game to dismantle the Toronto Raptors, just one good look with a few seconds left on the clock.

The Lakers superstar drained a long fadeaway jumper from the baseline with 4.2 seconds to play Sunday to lift Los Angeles to a 94-92 victory over the Raptors.

The Lakers' victory spoiled an excellent afternoon for Jose Calderon, who scored a career-high 30 points for Toronto (9-20), and came after the Raptors had battled back from an 18-point deficit.

"That's his instinct, especially late in the game, that's why you really can't have a close game," Toronto's DeMar DeRozan said of the Lakers star who famously dropped 81 points on the Raptors back in 2006.

Linas Kleiza added 15 points, Leandro Barbosa finished with 12 and DeRozan doled out a career-high seven assists in what was very nearly the Raptors' second consecutive big upset, coming two days after Toronto beat the Boston Celtics.



► DeMar DeRozan tries to cover Lakers star Kobe Bryant on Sunday.

The game's final few seconds drew angry boos from the crowd of 19,311 at Air

Canada Centre — just shy of a sellout — after Rasual Butler tried to call a time-

out on Toronto's possession with 3.6 seconds left. Officials ruled Butler didn't sig-

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



"I was proud how we dug ourselves out, but not happy with how we dug the hole."

RAPTORS COACH DWANE CASEY

nal for the timeout before the allowable five seconds to inbound the ball, giving possession to the Lakers.

Raptors coach Dwane Casey, who was also hollering for a timeout from the bench, was livid with the call, but bit his tongue after the game for fear of being fined by the league.

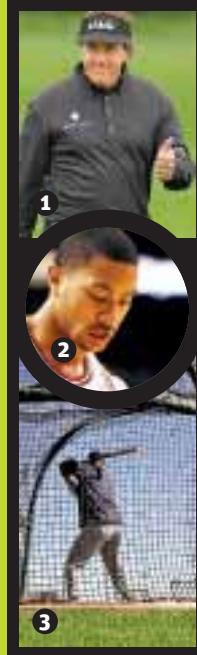
"I like my money, what little money I make I like it, so I'm not going to comment on it," said Casey. "It's a tough call."

Calderon's previous career-high of 27 points came almost four years ago to the day — Feb. 11, 2008 versus San Antonio. The Raptors guard, however, shrugged off his performance.

"It doesn't matter, we lost so I don't care," Calderon said. "It's tough, when we had a chance to beat another great team like L.A. But we couldn't today so we've got to grab the positive part, we can compete against everybody, we've got to believe we can do it." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Sports in brief



1 Phil Mickelson won the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

2 Derrick Rose was out again for the Bulls' game against Boston on Sunday with what coach Tom Thibodeau called "stiffness" in his back.

3 Spring training is officially underway with Seattle's pitchers and catchers holding their first workout. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With Raonic out, Canada falls to France

Canada failed to advance to the Davis Cup quarter-finals Sunday as France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga beat surprise substitute Frank Dancevic in straight sets.

Tsonga, the world's sixth-ranked player, prevailed 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, over the feisty 178th-ranked Niagara Falls native, who was a late replacement for Canada's injured top singles player Milos Raonic.

The win gave France an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the best-of-five competition with one match to play.

"Obviously I am extremely disappointed to not be able to play for my team today."
MILOS RAONIC

France will take on the United States in the World Group quarter-finals in April. Canada must play a World Group playoff tie in September to try to retain its spot in the elite 16-team group for 2013.

Dancevic, 31, got the call



to play his first match of the weekend after Raonic pulled out due to a knee injury.

Canada, ranked 14th in the world, needed a win in

the reverse singles match to keep its victory hopes alive. But the upset was not to be after Dancevic lost the opening four games of the match and then surren-

dered leads twice in the second set.

Raonic, the world No. 29 from Thornhill, experienced some pain in his knee after Saturday's doubles match.

"After our doubles match (Saturday) I consulted with my team, and a team of doctors regarding some pain in my knee," Raonic said in a release. "After extensive discussions, the doctors determined it is not in my best interest to play today."

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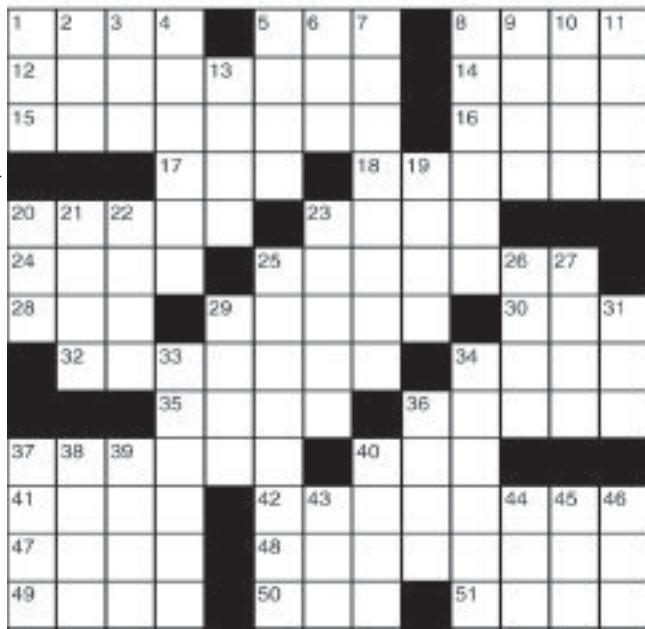
Crossword

Across

1 Stitches
5 Corn spike
8 React in horror
12 Handel's "Messiah," e.g.
14 Aware of
15 Algonquian leader
16 Individuals
17 "Of course"
18 Cancel out
20 Poe's bird
23 "Beetle Bailey" dog
24 On in years
25 Luzon language
28 Neither mate
29 Commandments bearer
30 Sheep's comment
32 First person to orbit the Earth
34 Gear teeth
35 Hits head-on
36 Cause, as havoc
37 Government in power
40 Cry of discovery
41 "American —"
42 "Madame Butterfly" setting
47 Lass
48 Shock in fear
49 Eyelid woe
50 Witness
51 Longings

Down

1 "Mayday!"
2 Historic period
3 Joker
4 Remained
5 Cupid's alias
6 Melody
7 X-ray discoverer



8 Giant number
9 "— Karenina"
10 Undo a dele
11 Sit for a picture
13 Portent
19 Greek vowels
20 Skedaddled
21 Awestruck
22 Miles of Holly-wood
23 Refuge
25 Persecutes
26 Reed instrument
27 Pop singer Lady —
29 Sir's partner
31 Request
33 Ornamental grat-



Today's horoscope

Aries March 21-April 20

Make sure your opinions are backed up by facts and figures today or you could find yourself on the defensive.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Don't make promises that you may not be able to deliver on.

Gemini May 22-June 21

If a friend asks you to get involved with some kind of cause you should study it closely before agreeing to contribute your time and money.

Cancer June 22-July 22

You will be in the right place at the right time today and you must take advantage of it.

Leo July 23-Aug. 23

If you let others know that you require their assistance today you will get all the help you need, and more.

Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

It's possible that you will make some kind of mistake today, but don't stop to work out where you went wrong.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Yes, some people can be a pain, but you won't change them, so don't try.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

If you've got something to say then say it and don't worry that certain people's egos may get bruised as a

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca result.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Let other people take care of the chores today.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

You have all the time in the world.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

The best way to deal with someone who is giving you a hard time is to point out what they will lose if you withdraw your friendship.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

The best way to deal with any unpleasantness today is to turn your back on it and walk away. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Sudoku



How to play

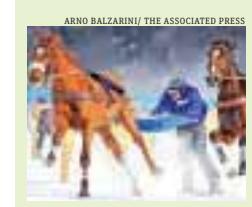
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[Yesterday's answer](#)



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FROM BOP0

Edziu Misiu
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Yours Forever, Wielka Lyska.

FROM LIZIU MISIU

Her - How lucky am I to know you! You are the best thing that has ever happened to me. Thanks for being there for me. I will do anything to see that smile of you. You must know that I am here for you 24/7. Love you from the bottom of my heart. **FROM ME**



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